countries. Such joint exercises provide an opportunity to the Indian Navy to gain an insight into the operations and doctrines of other navies. These also enhance tactical awareness and provide the Indian Navy an exposure to the systems, equipment, thinking and procedures prevalent in other navies.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Fighting Between Nagas and Kukis in Manipur

563. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses burnt down due to fighting between the Nagas and Kukis in the North-East especially in Manipur as on date; and

(b) the amount sanctioned for reconstruction to bring normalcy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from the concerned State Governments and will be furnished as soon as it is received.

Utilisation of Irrigation Potentials

564. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for creation of irrigation potential during the Eigth Five Year Plan and the achievement thereto;

(b) whether there has been a gap between irrigation potential created through major and medium irrigation projects and their utilisation; and

(c) if so, the main reasons for under-utilisation of irrigation potential?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) For the Eigth Five Year Plan, the target set for creation of irrigation potential is 15.80 million hectares (5.09 million hectares through Major & Medium irrigation and 10.71 million hectares through Minor irrigation). Out of this, creation of irrigation potential of the order of 10.70 million hectares (3.08 million hectares from Major & Medium irrigation and 7.62 million hectares from Minor irrigation) is expected to be achieved by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A lag of a few years between the introduction of irrigation and its full utilisation is unavoidable as it takes time to construct field channels and to prepare the land for irrigated farming. Also, switching over from rainfed farming to irrigated qgriculture involves a major change in agricultural techniques which farmers take times to master.

Seizure of Contraband from Myanmarese Ship in Mumbai

565. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a ship flying a Myanmarese flag was intercepted by the port-zone police in Mumbai; if so, whether it was found carrying contraband arms and ammunition;

(b) if so, the details of the contraband and whether the same was found to be linked with international terrorism; and

(c) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (c) A merchant ship "M.V. Pac Dream" (Myanmar registered) having 23 crew members arrived at the outer anchorage of Mumbai harbour on September 17, 1996. The ship had sailed from Haiti and carried 18 containers out of which 3 contained arms/ammunition. The rummaging of the containers was